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1. Approximately 110,000 refugees were gathered at Yonan (126-10, 37-54) on 11 December. An undetermined number of refugees who boarded small boats bound for Inchon were killed by gunfire from unidentified naval vessels. It was rumored in the Yonan area that the boat passengers included the majority of the rightist youth organization and youth defense corps members from the Yonan area.
2. On 13 December there were an estimated 40,000 North Korean troops in the Haeju area. Part of these troops were hidden in the Kuwol-san (125-16, 38-29) area.
3. On 14 December approximately 2500 North Korean troops were moving to Haeju from Kumchon (126-29, 38-09). The troops were not armed but carried ammunition, and were followed by approximately 30 oxcarts loaded with food supplies.

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